

MAC Illustrated

Mount Aspiring College Year 10

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School Year 2017 comes to an end

by Phoenix Copper

After a long successful year, the students of Mount Aspiring college are looking forwards to a long and hot summer holidays. In the year of 2017 there has been multiple academic and sport achievements.

The students of year 10 have under gone their first NCEA standards and examinations. We also had to say farewell a number of year 13 students that are leaving MAC this year.

There has also been new buildings added to the campus called the North Block. There is now new science labs that are being built, they are expected to be ready by the beginning of next year. The year of 2017 proved another successful year at Mount Aspiring College.



A photo of a trout fish that is of season this coming summer.

Summer is coming, Fishing is in season again

by Leithen Henderson

Fishing is an enjoyable sport in the rural area. Fishing is a sport that involves trolling behind a boat, fly fishing and casting off the shore. Harry Eurquhart is the local fishing expert. He takes keen people out fishing on his boat. He will know most things about how to catch a fish and where to catch them. He knows the best places where a school of fish are.

Genetically different trout are capable of spawning together and producing viable offspring but many have remained distinct for thousands of years. This happens because they have different life strategies e.g. their choice of spawning locations and timing or adaptations to exploit different niches within the food chain. Brown trout are one of the most genetically diverse vertebrates known. There is far more genetic variation present across British populations of wild brown trout than between any populations in the entire human race.

A photo of the students of Mount Aspiring College during an assembly.



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Hush!

The silence that surrounds

everyone is busy shouting at the top of their lungs, I am just sitting here, not saying anything... not hearing anything.

"Ingrid Ferrer.." I heard my mom's name being called by a doctor. My attention immediately drifted to him. "... time of death, 17:35."

My mom... My mom left me. Tears rolled down as soon as I heard what he said. I can't even cry loudly. I'm just silently crying, sympathizing with all the abandoned family here. I stared at my mom... my mom... my only famil—

"Wake up, Avon!" I saw my mom beside my bed. I felt my cheeks become wet. The hint of worriedness in her eyes showed that it was only just a dream. That she is still here with me. I hugged her tight that I never want to let her go. She asked me what's wrong but all I gave her was silence again. It was a nightmare, but I'm thankful that it is just a dream. I looked at the decorations outside. I just received the best gift for Christmas and she's right in front of me.

the room is look around tors are busy lifeless mom who was involved in a car accident. The doctors and nurse rush as they hear machines beeping, indicating that people has already left the world. Even though

deafening. I as the doc- reviving my

I'm sorry, dearest self

by Czaliya Fryida Viloria

Why? Why do I need to feel this way? Why do I need to experience all the grief, and pain from life? Those heartless beating from my father which gives me these painful bruises. The voice inside my head that haunts me everytime I remember my mother. How I failed to save her... how I am the reason why she's now gone.

"Haydee!" The voice of my drunk father echoes through those dark empty hallways of the house. I stood up and fixed my crumpled white shirt and got out of the room.

"Yes?" I shouted back even though I know what he is going to say to me. I saw him in the dining room holding a bottle of liquor and gulping it all till the last drop.

"Clean the house," he ordered as he stood up and walked in a zigzag line. He stumbled as he bumped into the Christmas tree that I put up weeks ago. "Get rid of this thing here!" he shouted as he pushed the tree down, shattering all the designs. He walked towards his room, leaving me with all the mess he created. The bottles of hard

liquor, the bottles of cokes, and all the snacks that has been dropped to the floor.

Unconsciously, tears start to roll down as I pick up the pieces of chips lying on the floor one by one. I bit my lower lip, trying to not let out a sob because he would wake up and shout at me again.

I grabbed the bottles of beverages and walked outside to put it into the recycling bin. I crossed the road. As soon as I dumped all the garbage, I closed my eyes trying to calm my mind down.

When I opened my eyes, goosebumps suddenly came rushing into me. "Mom?"

"Haydee, come here," she said. As if hypnotized, I went near her. I walked towards her until I saw a truck coming towards me fast. Instead of moving, I stood still. I want to end the pain. I want to end the guilt. I want to leave this world and all the things it has done to me. I'm sorry, dearest self, but my mother needs me, and I want to be happy.

Sport Profiles

By Kareem Jodeh

Caitlin Gibson

Holly Wigg

by Kirsten Blackley and
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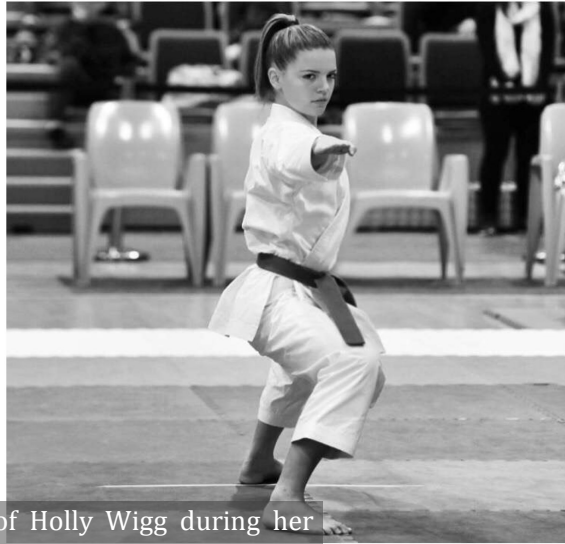
Caitlyn Gibson has been working towards her many achievements since the age of 6, in Caitlyn's opinion her greatest achievement is being selected to take part in the Southern Beko Summer training squad where she needed up feeding into teams like the Steel and Tartic as they loss players. She states "This is my greatest achievement and a huge stepping stone in my career." Caitlyn would love for sports to continue into her career wherever it

be socially or competitive, but Caitlyn would still like to study to become a nurse as she believes only the best sportsman can make a living off sports, quoting "The sporting industry is super hard to make a career out of and only the best of best can make a living out of playing sport."

Caitlyn believes that sports does help people to gain management and life skills. Quoting "If you have a team relying on you to show up you can't not be there, you have to make it to the gym when you said you would." Sports has also taught her how to deal with different types of people. She believes you learn how everyone works differently and that you must adapt to their need too.

Sports has helped Caitlyn make many great friends and she believes everyone should be involved in a sport to an extent. She recognises that sports are not fun for everyone but encourages people to use a sport for their weekly exercise. "...instead of going for a long run you could be out playing some social soccer."

Caitlyn Gibson is a well known athlete of Wanaka and can prosper in the sporting community whether she takes it on as a career or just socially.



A photo of Holly Wigg during her match

Holly decided to get into sports when she was just five years old, this lead on to sport playing a major role in Holly's life. Already by the age of 17 she has competed in competitions around New Zealand and international competitions. Holly's sports are such an important part in her life and she wishes for them to carry on into her future career's.

From the age of five holly has been competing in competitions all working towards her main goal to place within the top five in the Junior World Champs for Karate. She hopes to achieve this by the time she leaves Mount Aspiring College at the end of 2018. Holly has achieved a lot throughout her sporting career, she personally believes that her 11th placing in the Junior World champs in early July this year is her best achievement, and when she returned back to home she competed and placed third in Kata and Kumite for her age division at the National Karate Championships in Wellington on July 15 and 16. There is no doubt that she will not be able to achieve more throughout the rest of her sporting life.

She hopes of sport to be a part of her future career, she hopes to become a physiotherapist, coach or physical education teacher. Through sports Holly believes she has been able to improver her time management for training and everyday life. Sports has also helped her improve her sportsmanship 'how treat others through defeats and wins.'

Holly believes that everyone should be in some sort of sports stating "Yes I feel that everyone should have some type of involvement in sport, whether it be competitive or not as it is proven, physical activity is beneficial for health and the brain." Holly first got into Karate because she saw hear sister practicing the sport, ever since then holly has worked towards all her achievements and became a well known sportsman of Wanaka.